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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION ("RCE") AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Hon. Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005, the due date for response to which has been extended to November 1, 2005 by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants request continued examination. Prior to examining this continuation application, please enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks.